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The Vice Presidency.

A story recently went out of this town paming Senator Foraker as Mr. Roosevelt's running mate in 1904. When asked about it at Toledo yesterday the senator expressed surprise and could not remember any friend who might be in Washington at this time.

Mr. Foraker puts the matter in a droll way. He well understands that these nominations often come from sources anything but friendly. A man of his prominence and influence, situated to his own comfort and so as to insure his party and the country the use of his best talents, is some times mentioned for the vice presidency simply to draw fire from his enemies, or to develop any lurking ambition he may have in some other direction. The office is rarely sought by men already enjoying great na-

The speculation that will play around the republican nomination for this office two years hence will probably in the main occupy itself with men far less notable than Mr. Foraker. Amiable gentlemen in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois will be in especial danger. It is a reasonable supposition that after taking a New Yorker for first place the republicans will go to one of the middle states or beyond the Mississippi for their candidate for second place. The time will be propitious therefore for the grooming of local celebrities who will feel honored by seeing their names canvassed in connection with a national office. Some will toy the suggestion as though too greatly surprised to give an immediate answer. Others will coddle it openly, and show their apprecia-

tion, however, the republicans are likely to insist upon a candidate at once most capable and well known. Within the past few years the vice presidency has advanced most materially in the public estimation. and the country generally today appreciates the wisdom displayed at Philadelphia two years ago. Fortunate, indeed, has it been for everybody that so strong a man as Theodore Roosevelt was in position to take the helm when so strong a man as William McKinley was stricken down at his post. A presidential ticket should be composed as nearly as possible of two men of equal strength and a common purpose, so that in be more than simply the presiding officer of the Senate, and in the event of being called to the first place he may be fully equal to the greater responsibilities im-

A Heavy Fall Trade in Prospect.

An evidence of the remarkable prosperity of the country is afforded by the reports of the congregation of "buyers" from all over the country in New York city. These agents of the great business houses of the larger cities annually, flock to the metropotheir establishments. They remain, from first m last, until the latter part of Seppeople. An official of the Merchants' Association is quoted as estimating louses of the country buy after a careful calculation of the probable profits of the the best possible prospect that this fall and winter will witness a record-breaking exchange of money and goods, indicating that neonle now than ever before. Some of the dance of cash among the farmers of that reeffect upon the merchants in turn. But back in the welfare of either the farmers or of any other class of people. If food prices and the coal rates would only drop there would be every sign of one of the most profitable and prosperous seasons the country has ever known.

When an aeronaut demands \$25,000 a trip there can be no doubt of "Wizard" Edison's correctness in saying that the practical prospects in that line are still vague.

The fact that the gems in Queen Alexandra's crown are to be sold is another barsh reminder that this is a cold and

Mr. Bryan's announcement that he would not be a candidate proved so popular as to

Romance is Not Dead.

When steam locomotives began to whiz across country sighs were heard from some chinery, they declared, was rapidly destroying all the sentiment of life. Iron and oll were smoothing out the pathway of man until his character would soon change and he would become a machine. A large school of pessimists came into being, who looked darkly upon existence, its poetry threatened thus by the rapidlty, the certainty and the mechanism of the days.

But there was never a more mistaken set of people in all the world than these bewailers after the lost romance of life. The scattering of men over great reaches of territory has enriched rather than impoverished their poetic sense. The association of different classes and races of peoples permitted by steamboats and railroad trains and trolley cars has created new perspectives through which life may be regarded. Opportunities for romantic achievements arise today where it would have been impossible in the earlier times to avoid the

commonplace. Testimony to this effect is to be had from all sides. Scarce an Issue of the daily newspaper appears which does not contain the statement of some extraordinary fact, revealing that the rush of improvements has quickened man's appreciation for the romantic. L.fe is fuller now than ever before, because it goes farther, because men see more, know more and understand bet-

THE EVENING STAR. he is not picturesque, but he is dreadfully persistence are the qualities which feed

affair which is just reported from Fort prosaic-looking region it is in the neighborclass already mentioned would sneer at the thought of a single unpractical sentiment flourishing there. But in the breast of Hardy Mossman-and he a railroad manthere burned the fire which animated the crusaders, the spirit which not all the locomotives or the trolley cars or the telegraph instruments in the world will ever quell. He had wooed and won the love of a young woman who lived with her parents. But they objected to his suit and forbade him the house. They then applied parental authority and forced the daughter to formally eject her lover and to accept another man. The marriage day was set. The wedding party was at the altar.

If those who bewall the death of romanc were well founded in their philosophy the story from this point would have been easily told. The ceremony would have been performed and bride and groom would have passed to a more or less happy home, while the rejected one consoled himself with some other fair one. But it so happens-and it so happens pretty often in these days, though perhaps not in quite the same terms-that the story differentlates just here. At the psychological moment in bursts Mossman the bride-to-be down the aisle and into a carriage and off to a clergyman, who marries them, whereupon they depart into another state by fast express and at last accounts are living happily.

Now, tiffs is not a rare exception. In it is the very germ of modernity. It is in its essence typical of the times. The cavalier, the adventurer, are on all sides of us, not in plumes and doublets, but perhaps in overalls and jumpers. The panting steed has given place to the parlor car, the flashing rapier to the five-shooter. It is merely a change of environment and accoutrement Man is the same today as in the days of Lochinvar, as even in the days of Hero.

Ambitions in Waiting.

Ex-Governor "Bob" Taylor of Tennessee has for some time cherished senatorial aspirations. Asked the other day as to his present plans he declared that if General Bate desired another term he would not oppose him. As it is understood that General Bate does desire another term, Governor Taylor is for the present "out of it." It may be years before his voice is raised in the upper house of Congress in those tones which in other days delighted the lower

Lieutenant Governor Woodruff of New York has had quite enough of his present He has served three terms, and is shying at the suggestion of a fourth. He is not renouncing politics. He likes the game, and has the means and the leisure to play it. Asked the other day as to his future, he admitted that he would like to be a memher of the United States Senate. But, he added, he would not think of appearing for that office in opposition to Mr. Platt, who desires re-election.

Thus do we see two ambitious young men leferring to the claims of their elders. It ness than deference in this. General Bate is a strong man in Tennessee, and Mr. Platt a strong man in New York. Opposition to either at this time would probably be fruitless. So Governor Taylor and Lieutenant Governor Woodruff decide to await a more favorable opportunity; and in doing so each pays a compliment where it will do the most good. The admirers of General Bate and of Mr. Platt will be expected to remember these tributes when senatorial races in Tennessee and New York are free

ments some very strong friendships. Senaover a long period of years, inspire their ieutenants and juniors with genuine admiration. The youngsters hold off from anything resembling a contest from sheer affection. The right of way is conceded to "the old man" as long as he wants it. His claims are highest and beyond dispute. It will be time enough for them to raise their flags when he retires voluntarily, or is put out of further calculation by the success of

Boer Leaders in England.

The effort of the men surrounding Mr. and Delarey to resistance to the British purposes in South Africa will probably fail. uation while the war was in progress, and who fought with all their might while they fought at all, and only surrendered when convinced of the hopelessness of their cause about their duty in their new relation. Boer ndependence is a thing of the past. British citizenship is a thing of the present. Having journeyed to England to discuss matters with the government, these Boer leaders, it is to be hoped, will profit by the cordial reception they are certain to meet with on every hand.

The consumer of coal cannot avoid the haunting impression that the operator could raise the wages of miners, reap a reasonable profit and still sell coal much cheaper

The annexation of Haiti would probably be a good thing for that island. But with a Philippine question not fully settled it might be wise to defer taking on a Haitian problem as long as possible.

men who courageously visited Mont Pelce in the interests of science have not attained results any more definite than those secured by the explorers who risk their lives in the Arctic regions.

This is the time of year when there is no excuse for modesty on the part of the political statistician in his claims for his

Eminent men on both sides of the water have had difficulty in keeping their fame for statesmanship on a par with their prowess as horse owners.

Santos Dumont is shrewder than the people who go over Niagara Falls in barrels, hoping to get rich through their notoriety. He insists on seeing the money first.

The Proposed Potomac Regatta.

It is to be hoped that success will crown the efforts now being made by the directors of the Potomac Boat Club to organize s regatta on the Potomac river this season. There are three excellent organizations ter. Sentiment is more alive than ever. now rowing on these waters opposite

As Hamlet would say: M. The love of man for woman has not waned, Washington, the Potomac, Analostan and Bryan doth protest too much.

nor is the spirit of the cavaller dead. True, Georgetown University clubs, and below the city, at Alexandria, the Old Dominion in earnest. And after all sincerity and club is recognized in a certain degree as a local organization. A competition between these four clubs would assuredly revive Nothing in all the records of chivalry local concern in boating. It is a sport in ould have been more romantic than an which many thousands of people are actively interested, and they have deplored Wayne, Indiana. If there ever was a the comparative falling off in the activity of the Potomac river clubs during the past hood of Fort Wayne. The pessimist of the few years. A well-managed regatta, with suitable events and prizes, would doubtless revive the sport and perhaps would go far toward the establishment of new organizations. The local course is better than that to be found in most other places. There is room between the bridges for a race of practically a mile and a half, which, with a turn, would permit a three-mile race under excellent conditions. Or by rowing up from the boat houses under Aqueduct bridge and return, a straighter course of two miles in all could be had with better facilities for observation. There would be no lack of popular support if the regatta were organized with assurance of the par ticipation of all of the crews. Boating will never be restored as a local sport if it is not thus stimulated by a healthy rivalry through occasional competitions.

Another big Alaskan mining venture has proved to be a disappointment. The man who insists on getting rich in a hurry is as likely to meet disaster in one part of the world as in another, and the unsuccess ful home-keeper may at least congratulate himself on having saved time and traveling

With Mr. Carnegie devoting himself to books and Mr. Morgan bringing over pictures, American culture may yet take a boom which will make it as eminent as American finance.

There are various calculations about when the isthmian canal will be completed The question of when it will be begun is however, still of primary importance.

tion with Mr. Hanna, and he realizes that nothing jeopardizes it more seriously than It is too much to expect that an auto-

mobile can be built which will be safe

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when it is going faster than an express SHOOTING STARS.

The Treasure of Today.

"I don't know what it is dat makes peoole so willin' to trust me." said Meander ing Mike. "Who has been dat innocent?" asked

Plodding Pete. "Lots o' people. I was asked to carry in a ton o' coal no less dan four times yester-

A Dilemma.

The future is surcharged with grief, And hope has nigh forsook it, For if you pay the price for beef You can't buy coal to cook it.

No More Suspense. "Why did you insist on getting me ar

oper berth in the sleeping car?" asked the habitually austere lady.

"Well," answered her irrepressible niece, you have been expecting for so many years to find somebody under your bed that I thought it might relieve your mind to have all doubts on the subject removed

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She didn't mean to vex By asking, "Do you dot your eyes When you put on your specs?"

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"There," said Mrs. Cumrox, contentedly, I don't think that people who visit our ew home will throw out any hints about hings not being first-class and high-toned." "People will talk, you know," said her

"This time they can't. I have left the orice tags on all the furniture so that people can see for themselves."

A Summer Pastime. Jes' a doin' nuffin'

All de summer day. Dat's what re'ly suits me bes'. To pass de time away. White folks, dey keeps busy, Busy as kin be. But jes' a doin' nuffin'

Is good enough foh me. Bee, he gits de honey When de work is done: White man gits de money But I gits all de fun; Doesn' want no golfin'. Ner swimmin' in de sea; Jes' a-doin' nuffin'

Is good enough foh me. Regulation of Trusts.

From the Indianapolis News. Trusts go on forming. One might as well try to stop the operations of the law of gravitation as to stop this economical and industrial evolution, but some direction or control is daily becoming more imperative.

Time to "Slow Up."

From the New York Sun. Automobile wrecks have been numerou lately. Impulsiveness, incompetence, reck-lessness, have been responsible for much of the trouble; but, whatever term may best apply in explaining the ill fortune of he operators involved, one fact is clear enough. It is that the drivers of horseless wehicles have been overzealous in their devenicies have been overzealous in their desire to excel or outdo their fellows. Their "greed for fame," as it is called, has benumbed their sense of safety, and they have assumed risks both grave and unwarranted. The time has come for the automobilists to "slow up." Whizzing along the highways at express train speed is undoubtedly very fascinating, inasmuch as it is attended with great exhilaration; but this reward is altogether inadequate. conthis reward is altogether inadequate, con-sidering the danger threatened by such

Plenty of Trouble.

From the New York Tribune. With earthquakes in California and Alaska, cloudbursts and washouts in usually tranquil New Jersey, uprisings and upheavals in Haiti, Colombia and Venezuela and eruptions both by day and by night in the ninth district of this city, these are surely times of trouble. No dan-ger of the canker of a long peace.

Senator Mason.

From the Atlanta Journal. It is not altogether certain that Senator Billy Mason will find it as easy to which the republican party of Illinois as it was

Look to Your Flues! From the Chicago Tribune.

Examine your flues now and you may not have to fly out of your house in your pajamas some cold night next winter. Dreamocracy.

In the city of Washington, where municipal affairs are managed on a business basis by men of experience, a contract has been made for laying asphalt at \$1.56 a square yard. In Philadelphia the asphalting has been let at \$2.56 a square yard. Either the Philadelphia price is an extortion or the Washington people are having their streets asphalted for less than cost.

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